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Letter dated 19 July 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and referring to the letter dated 31 May 2005 (A/59/824-S/2005/363) and the note verbale dated 13 June 2005 (A/59/845-S/2005/386) of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations and their annexes, I have the honour to state that the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb are integral and eternal parts of the Iranian territory and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects any claim to the contrary, including the claims raised in the annexes of the aforementioned letters.

In line with the Iranian principled position of enhancing stability and tranquillity in the Persian Gulf region as well as in the spirit of good-neighbourly relationships, the Iranian Government has always offered to negotiate with the relevant officials in the United Arab Emirates with a view to removing any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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